

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 23, 2006, is acknowledged. The Examiner has issued a restriction to the patentability distinct species 1 through 11 relating to various embodiments in the application.

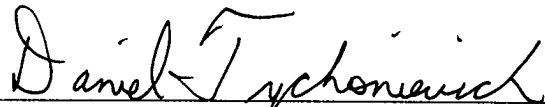
Election

Applicant elects Species 5 relating to Figures 11-13 without traverse. The Examiner also requested the Listing of the Claims readable on the elected species. Applicant maintains that the original claims 1 through 14 (as well as other previously non-elected claims) are readable on elected species 5. Previously added claim 21 is also readable on elected species 5. Applicant notes that all of the embodiments depicted in the application may be used in and are intended to be usable with a larger structural composite structure as discussed in the specification (paragraphs [0002], [0006], [0010], etc.) and are intended to provide stiffness, strength and support thereto. The various embodiments/species simply depict different core structures and electronic component mounting arrangements that can be used in the composite sandwich structure. Applicant notes that some of the non-elected claims may qualify as a species of the elected claims and will revisit once a Notice of Allowance is issued.

In addition, applicant has added new claims 31-36, which also read on elected species 5.

If additional time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (973748.01). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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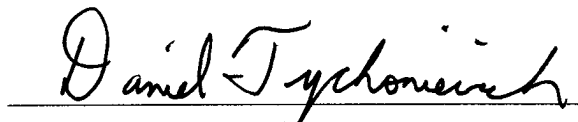
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was served electronically to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on December 22, 2006.

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